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HONGKONG, DECEMBER 24TH, 1909.

Mr. CARLISLE, the British Consul for Indo-
China, in his Report on the Trade of the
French Colony for the year 1908 makes the
observation that a not inconsiderable
contribution to the commerce and prosperity of
the British Colonies of Hongkong and
Singapore is supplied by Indo-China. This
is especially so in the case of Hongkong.
We note that in the last few years the value
of the imports into Indo-China from Hong-
kong has been steadily increasing. The
returns for 1907 showed an improvement to
the extent of £750,000 on the returns of
1906, while those for 1908 are better by
close upon a million pounds sterling than
they were in 1906. The exports from Indo-
China to Hongkong in 1907 were nearly
two million pounds sterling higher than in
1906, due partly to an abnormal demand for
rice, but in 1908 they fell off by a million
pounds. Of the total trade of Indo-China,
Hongkong and Singapore between them had
in 1907 over 42 per cent. and in 1908 about
40 per cent. The total trade of Indo-China
has been increasing in recent years, and we are probably correct in as-
sociating this result with the deve-
lopment of railway enterprise. There
are now upwards of eight hundred miles
of railway completed and open to traffic
in the "Colony," and two or three hundred
miles are under construction. All this goes
to the opening of new markets and the
development of foreign trade. By February
next the important line which will connect
the city of Yunnan with the coast at Ha-
iphong will be completed. It is hoped that

the advent of the railway will increase the prosperity of the province of Yunnan, and we cannot doubt that in time that hope will be fulfilled, but for the present the commercial outlook can only be regarded as gloomy. Yunnan has been one of the principal opium-growing provinces of China, and now that the cultivation of the poppy has been strictly forbidden and measures are being taken by the authorities to see that their orders are strictly obeyed, a period of tracial depression has set in. How long it will continue it is impossible to predict. Yunnan is regarded as an agricultural country, and, to take the place of opium, encouragement is being given to the culture of silk and the increased production of tea, tobacco, cotton and cereals. Next to opium, rice, wheat, and pulse have been staple products, and as the harvests have been good during the last two or three years, and as, also, large sums of money have been brought into the province by the construction of the railway, it is hoped that these factors will enable the people to tide over the loss of opium until its place shall have been taken by silk, tobacco, tea and cotton. We note that to the British Consul at Mengtze, these hopes appear delusive. "The true solution of the Yunnan commercial problem," he says, "would seem to be in the development of the mining industry and improved means of communication." Very likely the advent of the French railway to the provincial capital will lead to developments in both directions. Hongkong has already considerable trade with Yunnan and naturally indulges the expectation that railway communication will assist its development. The development of the mining industry would probably benefit Hongkong to an extent as great if not greater than agricultural development. It may surprise many readers to know that, even now, there is a very considerable export of tin from Yunnan to Hongkong. The trade appears to be growing steadily. Out of 4,589 tons exported from Indo-China last year, only 125 tons were of local origin; the rest was "in transit from Yunnan to Hongkong." The total value of this export to Hongkong last year was upwards of half a million pounds sterling. Now that railways are tapping provinces of unlimited mineral wealth in South and West China, it is well within the range of possibilities that among industrial developments at Kowloon in the years to come we shall see huge smelting works receiving large quantities of the ore. There is undoubtedly a great future before the Colony of Hongkong if full advantage is taken of the great possibilities which are opening up on all sides of it by the railway developments and by the mining enterprises which are certain to follow. While we naturally attach the greatest importance to the great trunk line from Hankow, which will have its terminus at Kowloon, we do not overlook the benefit which the port should derive from the railway reaching from Haiphong into the heart of the province of Yunnan. The Colonial Government of Indo-China, it is true, by preferential import duties, gives a preponderating demand in Indo-China for goods of French manufacture. France, therefore, secures practically a monopoly of the imports capable of being supplied by Europe; still this represents only 50 per cent. of the total imports, the remainder being mainly the natural products of the neighbouring countries which it is impossible for the Western nations to supply. On the Yunnan railway a preference of 20 per cent. is given to manufactured goods of French or Indo-Chinese origin. Cotton yarn at present forms the principal item in the merchandise going from Hongkong to Yunnan, while in the contrary direction the bulk of the trade is in tin, which comes from mines near Mongtze. A blow is aimed at the cotton yarn export from Hongkong by the recent increase of the preference on the railway for goods of French and Indo-Chinese origin, the intention doubtless being to foster the export trade of the Tonkin mills, but as the Treaty gives the French the privilege of charging preferential rates, the importers of yarn of British origin cannot object. Last year only 444 tons of Indo-Chinese manufacture went into Yunnan, while 4,632 tons went from Hongkong, but most of it probably goes by river, and as the development of freight traffic on the railway will probably be as slow as it has been in China it is doubtful if the British import will be materially affected, though if a freight traffic speedily develops on the railway, this item in the list of British imports seems destined to suffer.

At the Magistracy yesterday a Chinese was sentenced to six months' imprisonment, six hours' exposure in the stocks and to receive twelve strokes with the birch for scratching a gold hair pick from the head of a woman in the street. It is hoped that

The plot of Crown Land at Takwa-wan sold by auction at the Public Works Department yesterday was bought by Mr. Chu Ng for \$15,830.

Lady Stewart-Lockhart, wife of the Commissioner of Waiauwei, arrived in the Colony yesterday, being a passenger from Europe by the N.Y.K. *Tumba-Maru*.

That picturesque feature of an English Christians, the "waits," has made its appearance in Kowloon during the past two nights. The carols have been extremely well rendered, and the carolists met with no little appreciation.

A young Portugese named Antonio Vlence Gutierrez was at the Magistracy yesterday charged with wounding a Chinaman with a small saloon rifle. The bullet entered the left thigh to the depth of three inches. Defendant was remanded.

For obstructing Inspector Fenton in the exercise of his duty a Chinese private watchman was fined \$10 at the Magistracy yesterday charged with wounding a Chinaman with a small saloon rifle. The bullet entered the left thigh to the depth of three inches. Defendant was remanded.

At St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, Mr. H. F. Campbell, the organist, and Mrs. Campbell were presented with a silver rose bowl from the choir and friends on the occasion of their marriage. After a few remarks by the Rev. H. O. Spink, the choirmaster, Mr. B. L. Frost, made the presentation, Mr. Campbell making a suitable reply. The rose bowl was inscribed: "Presented to Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Campbell on the occasion of their marriage, November 20th, 1909."

In the interests of the credit of the Colony the police authorities would do well to strengthen their control over the chair bearers, notably those at the upper terminus of the Peak Tramway. Yesterday, when a large number of American tourists visited the Peak, the chair coolies readily undertook to take them to the flagstaff, but it seemed to be a practice of many, when they were halfway up, to dump the chairs and demand payment of the fare, and a very extortionate fare, much to the disgust of the visitors.

By kind permission of the Colonel and the Officers the Band of the 13th Rajputs, under Bandmaster B. M. Partal Dainai, will play the following programme of music at the King Edward Hotel, during dinner, to-night (weather permitting):—

March "Volunteer" Becket
Overture "Hayde" W. Winterbottom
Valse "Wein-Weib und Gesang" Hegner
Selection Harry Lauder's Songs 1. Old Home
Song Largo Cornet Solo Handel
Patriot "Egyptian" Jasper Valentine
God Save the King.

From the photographic studio of Mr. A. Fong, we have received a new book of views of Hongkong and Canton which we have pleasure in recommending to the notice of the public. There are about eighty views in miniature. They have been reduced from larger photographs and grouped—four, five or six together. They are remarkably clear and form the best local production of the kind we have seen. Had the collection been issued a month earlier when people were thinking of Christmas gifts for friends in Europe or America there would probably have been a good demand for the book. As it is, they are put on sale at a time when the Colony is being visited by a party of 650 American tourists and many of them will doubtless be glad to have such an interesting souvenir of their visit.

"JOLLY TAPS" MINSTRELS.

The second and last performance of the U.S. West Virginia "Jolly Taps" minstrel troupe was given in the Theatre Royalist last night in aid of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. As on the opening night a large audience was present, and the funds of the Y.M.C.A. are likely to profit to a considerable extent from the proceeds of the entertainment. The string band was in fine fettle and rendered its various selections in masterly style, and the unique manner in which the many songs and choruses were accompanied reflected great credit on the painstaking and efficient instruction of the conductor, Mr. Carl Baker. As on the opening night the jokes of the cornermen were decidedly funny and heartily applauded, and their various songs took well; especially the able rendering of "Oh, you kid."

The Acrobatic Five, which by the way has on both occasions consisted of four, gave a clever performance, and the dancing of Reed and McKnight, accompanied by Donovan with his ditties, earned unstinted applause. In the concluding sketch the various pieces were expertly executed, and the violin solo of Mr. Carl Baker may well be described as the star turn of the evening.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—

On the 23rd at 12.10 p.m.—The depression lying over Manchuria yesterday has reached the neighbourhood of Vladivostok.

The barometer has risen considerably in N. China, and a slight to moderate rise has taken place also over the S. Philippines, where however pressure is still low.

A high pressure area lies over the continent to the North of the Yangtze valley.

The monsoon will increase in strength over the Formosa Channel and the N. part of the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:—

Hongkong & Neighbourhood [winds, freshening; fine.] N. to N.E.
Formosa Channel Same as No. 1.
South coast of China between Same as No. 1.
Hongkong and Lantau Same as No. 1.
South coast of China between Same as No. 1.
Hongkong and Hainan Same as No. 1.

N. to N.E.

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ANOTHER KOREAN
ASSASSINATION.

PRIME MINISTER THE VICTIM.

TOKYO, December 23rd.

On Wednesday the Premier of Korea was attacked by a native armed with a sword, and fatally wounded.

The tragedy occurred outside the Catholic church at Seoul after a requiem service had been held in connection with the death of King Leopold.

The assassin is a Korean Christian who has been to America.

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THE BOMB IN ST. PETERSBURG.

LONDON, December 23rd.

Colonel Karoff, the chief of the Secret Police at St. Petersburg, has been blown to pieces by a bomb.

He was enticed to a flat and the explosion followed.

A man named Voskessensky, who is supposed to be the assassin, rushed out of the house, and was arrested.

THE FUNERAL OF KING
LEOPOLD.

LONDON, December 23rd.

The funeral of King Leopold of Belgium, which took place yesterday, was marked by great pomp.

DISASTROUS FLOODS
IN DEVONSHIRE.

LONDON, December 23rd.

Disastrous floods have occurred in Devonshire and numerous wrecks on the coasts are reported.

A BATTLE IN NICARAGUA.

SIX HUNDRED CASUALTIES.

LONDON, December 23rd.

General Estrada has completely defeated the Nicaraguan-Government troops.

The killed and wounded on both sides amount to 600.

Nineteen hundred Government troops surrendered.

CHINESE FINANCE.

COMMENTS BY THE BRITISH COMMERCIAL
ATTACHE.

The current issue of the *Board of Trade Journal* gives some interesting extracts from the report upon the foreign trade of China for 1908 drawn up by Mr. W. P. Ker, the British Commercial Attaché at Peking, upon the subject of Chinese finance. Mr. Ker says:—

Besides the depreciation of the copper currency, due chiefly to excessive output from provincial mints, a still more dangerous menace to the financial condition of China has come prominently into notice during the last year, i.e., the unregulated issue of bank-notes. The issue of notes has been resorted to by both Provincial Governments and private banks as a means of compensation for the loss of profits occasioned by the restrictions imposed by the central Government on the output of the mints, and as was the case with the copper coinage, the immediately lucrative nature of the operation has made a quicker and deeper impression on the minds of those concerned in it than the certainty of the financial distress to follow. The issue has been defended by Chinese on the plea that it is not fair that the foreign banks should have a monopoly of the issue of bank-notes, but this plea ignores the fact that neither the issues nor the reserves of the native banks are known with any certainty. H. M. Consul-General at Hankow describes financial crisis there in November, 1908, when four prominent native banks failed to the amount of several million taels, and it was then discovered that the four all belonged to one family, which thus obtained four times the limit of the credit intended to be given.

After citing other cases the report continues:—

These instances show that, in the case of some at least of the native banks now freely issuing notes, every principle of sound banking as recognized in Europe or America is violated, and that neither men nor readily convertible security is held by these banks against their note issues. The foreign mercantile community in China is keenly alive to the danger to trade involved by the growth of the system, and it is hoped that the Central Government, whose attention has been called to the matter, will be able to impose effective checks.

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PRESENTATION TO DR.
THOMSON.

A GIFT FROM THE TUNG WA
HOSPITAL.

An interesting ceremony took place at the Tung Wa Hospital yesterday afternoon, when Dr. J. C. Thomson, who leaves the Colony for Home in the course of a few days on account of ill-health, was presented with a handsome silver tea set consisting of five pieces in recognition of the disinterested services rendered to that institution during the twelve years he has acted as visiting medical officer, Mr. Sin Tak Fan, the past chairman of the Hospital, presided over a large attendance of the leading Chinese, and was supported by Mr. Lau Chu Pak, the present chairman; Dr. Thomson, Dr. F. C. Clark, Hoa Dr. Atkinson, Hon. Mr. A. W. Brown, Registrar General; and the Rev. C. H. Hickling.

The various pieces were inscribed as follows:—

Presented by the Chinese Community of Hongkong to Dr. J. C. Thomson, M.A., M.D. D.T.M. and H. D.P.H., visiting Medical Officer, Tung Wa Hospital, from 1897 to 1909.

Mr. SIN TAK FAN said:—Gentlemen.—The purpose for which we are assembled here to-day is to present a farewell address and a silver tea set to Dr. Thomson, who is about to leave us and this Colony on account of his health, a matter much to be regretted. I have just relinquished the Presidency of this Hospital, but by the courtesy of Dr. Lau Chu Pak, my worthy successor, the pleasing duty of making the presentation has been accorded to me. Gentlemen, you are all aware that for the past 13 years Dr. Thomson has been associated with this Hospital as Visiting Medical Officer. The invaluable services he has rendered, are unparalleled in the history of the Tung Wa Hospital, and the relations he has had with the Directors have been most cordial. Dr. Thomson, it is for these services the Chinese Community of Hongkong have in token of their gratitude thought fit to present you with the silver tea set and the farewell address which with your permission I will read.

Hongkong, December, 1909.
To J.

TUNG WA HOSPITAL

OPENING OF NEW PLAGUE WARDS.

New plague wards in connection with the Tung Wa Hospital were opened yesterday afternoon by His Excellency the Governor. There was a large attendance, Mr. Sin Tak Fan, the retired chairman, and Mr. Lau Chu Pak, the present chairman, with the directors, meeting His Excellency on arrival. The ceremony took place in the picturesque assembly hall. Mr. Sin Tak Fan presided and among those present were Hon. Dr. J. M. Atkinson, Hon. Mr. A. W. Brown, Rev. C. H. Hickling and Dr. F. Clark.

Mr. SIN TAK FAN said.—May it please your Excellency, on behalf of the Directors of the Tung Wa Hospital I beg to thank your Excellency for your kindness in coming here to-day for the purpose of declaring open the new Plague Wards of this Hospital. Ever since plague made its appearance in Hongkong, some 12 years ago, all cases have been treated in the Infectious Hospital at Kennedy Town, necessitating the carrying of sick patients some considerable distance, and you may easily picture in your mind the agonies and hardships they have suffered while being conveyed there in the ambulances, notwithstanding all the precautions and care taken for their comfort. The sole object of these present buildings is to remedy the evil and to alleviate the sufferings I have just referred to. It is but fitting that I should here mention that the Honourable Dr. Ho Kai was one of those who initiated the idea of having a Plague Hospital built in the heart and midst of the City of Victoria to replace the one at Kennedy Town; that suggestion received the united support and assistance of the Hon. Mr. Brown, Dr. Clark, and the then Directors of the Tung Wa Hospital, with the result that this present site was selected and purchased in 1908 for the price of \$55,500, paid out of monies belonging to the Tung Wa Hospital, with the exception of the sum of \$5,500, which was borrowed from the Hongkong Typhoon Fund, but has since been repaid, and also the sum of \$5,000 contributed by the Committee of the Chinese Recreation Ground, under conditions which was afterwards found impossible to comply with, and that sum has also been refunded. The buildings cost \$9,700; extra work \$1,350 and architect's charges \$562.00, so that the ground and buildings will from this time forward form an integral part of the Tung Wa Hospital, and henceforth all plague cases will be treated here, and by the blessing of God, and with a continuation of the public confidence and assistance, and with all the facilities at our command, there should be no difficulty in successfully combating the disease. I have just relinquished the management of the Tung Wa Hospital as President, but by the courtesy of Mr. Lau Chu Pak, the present President, the honour of addressing your Excellency to-day has been accorded to me, and I therefore have much pleasure in asking you to open these wards with this key, to deduce them open, and to keep the key as a souvenir of the event.

His Excellency—Mr. Sin Tak Fan, and gentlemen: It is my privilege as governor of Hongkong to be called upon to preside at many public functions—to open buildings and to unveil memorials—but of all the ceremonies at which I have presided since I have been in the Colony there is, I think, none which has given me so much pleasure as this. The Chinese community in Hongkong has long, I know, desired to be able to treat plague patients in this hospital, but medical science until quite recently considered that bubonic plague was a disease highly infectious, and it was therefore absolutely necessary that those who were suffering from it, and the bodies of those who had died from it, should be isolated from the living in order that the spread of the disease might be arrested. My predecessors were well aware of the grief and suffering which it caused to relatives, as well as of the pain of the patients themselves in being removed from their dwellings. But they considered, although they felt the deepest sympathy and pity in this matter, that it was absolutely necessary, and that it was their duty to enforce isolation in order to save the lives of those who were living, and to prevent the spread of the disease. But the more severe and the more harsh the measures for this end appeared to the ignorant, the more in truth it proved that they were concerned for the welfare of the community. Since I have been here we have been able to change this. We have been able to relax the rules and procedure in sanitary law regarding disinfection, in so far as it violated the privacy of Chinese households, and we have been able to permit this extension of plague wards

in a general hospital in the heart of the city to be erected. This change is not due to the fact that my predecessors had not less sympathy than I have with Chinese feeling: it is solely due to the fact that scientific men have recently discovered that plague germs are not propagated as was previously supposed, and that bubonic plague is not an easily communicable disease except by the agency of rats, and the fleas which infest them. This discovery, gentlemen, is of immense importance to us, for it shows us the way in which plague must be combated and fought. We know now there are only two things necessary: cleanliness with light and fresh air, and the removal of the rats and the fleas which infest them. We are able therefore now to dispense with some of those measures which were formerly considered absolutely necessary, and to concentrate our attention on these two points. I have constantly since I have been here appealed to the Chinese community to co-operate with the Government in these measures in order that we may stamp out entirely, if possible, this dreadful disease; or

even if we cannot stamp it out entirely we should reduce it to isolated cases, and make the conditions of this city such that it will never find a real hold again. You have responded as I knew that so intelligent a community would respond, under the guidance of the Registrar General in whom you rightly have confidence, and whose thoughts are continually for your good and your welfare; you have erected this new wing to this hospital, which cost, as we have just heard, \$65,000. You have done what I consider to be more important in order to go to the root of the evil. You have engaged lecturers to instruct the common people upon the measures they should take, and you have taken counsel with the Government as to measures throughout the city which would diminish the incidence of plague in the future. You have invited me this afternoon to open these plague wards, and though I am glad to have the privilege of doing so, I express the hope that you may find very little use for them. It is unusual when a man has spent a great deal of money for a great object to express the hope that he will find no use for it, but I hope the precautions we are taking against plague will result in few cases, if any, being found in these wards. These precautions are carried out with untiring care by the Sanitary Board and the Head of the Sanitary Department, and I hope you will second their efforts. We live, gentlemen, in an era in which the body politic is disturbed and agitated by many causes. We hear talk of reform and new methods. Such epochs occur in the life of every nation. They result usually in good, but also in a great deal of suffering owing to the wild talk and acts of ignorant men. Here in Hongkong we proceed, have proceeded in the past, and shall proceed in the future slowly, surely, and steadily along the path of progress. Every day sees more new advances. To-day we are opening this extension, next year I hope we shall be opening the extension of the Tung Wa on the other side of the water, and the year afterwards we may be opening the university. Whatever the salient features of each year may be, every year has seen advancement and expansion of schools and an increase of scholars, and in charitable institutions. These gentlemen, are outward and visible signs of the thoughts and needs and wishes which have gradually made themselves felt. They are the milestones on the road of progress. These advances which I have alluded to have, here in Hongkong, been achieved without agitation and without commotion. The reason is that they are the outcome of co-operation with the Government. You know that the Government is at all times ready and anxious to do everything which it is possible within our revenue to do for the welfare of the community, and which will increase its happiness. I myself am always ready and anxious to hear any suggestion which may tend to the good and the welfare of the Chinese community. Your representatives on the Legislative Council have shown themselves to be men who are actuated by the desire for the public welfare, and they, I think, will also tell you that any project that they have put forward has received the sympathetic consideration of the Government. I have invited them always to speak to me fully and frankly on these subjects and if this unity of purpose and co-operation between the Chinese community and the Government continues, we may hope for the continued progress and prosperity of this Colony. I now have pleasure in declaring the new extension to be open. (Applause) I hope that it will alleviate suffering and that it will tend to promote confidence among the people. It will stand as a monument of the generosity of the wealthy Chinese and of the way in which they obey the precepts of those great sages and teachers who in different countries and at different times have told us it is the duty of the more prosperous to care for the needs of the poor and of the sick. (Applause.)

The company then repaired to the new plague wards, and at the entrance His Excellency received from Mr. Sin Tak Fan a silver key with which to open the gate. The key was inscribed: "To His Excellency Sir Frederick Luard, K.C.M.G., Governor of Hongkong. Presented by the Directors of Tung Wa Hospital." On the reverse side were the words "New Wards."

His Excellency then inspected the Wards and tea was afterwards dispensed.

CALCUTTA AND BOMBAY DOCKS.

The next few years will see an enormous increase in the size of the docks both at Calcutta and Bombay, says the *Englishman*. The Kidderpore docks will be about doubled when the intended additions have been made, and the increase in Bombay will be in much the same proportion. It is expected that the harbour work which is now being carried out by the Bombay Port Trust will not only double the docks accommodation at present available at Bombay, but that the general traffic of the city will be greatly facilitated by means of direct railway communication which is being established between the shipping berths and the Bombay termini. It is anticipated that the whole work will be completed in about two years' time. The general scheme includes a dock with an area of 492 acres and an entrance 100ft. wide. The depth on the sill will be 35ft. 6in. below mean high-water level, and about 3 miles of quayage will be provided. A new dry dock to be constructed in connection with this undertaking will be 1,000ft. long, 33ft. 6in. deep at high-water neap tides, and will have an entrance 100ft. wide. The Mazagon Docks will provide space for the grain, seeds, and cotton trades and for a new storeyard for the Great Indian Peninsula Railway. The total area which is being recovered is 622 acres, of which 554 acres are to be actually reclaimed from the sea. Another improvement is the moving of the bulk oil depot and the timber ponds to Sewri. This work is progressing rapidly, and will include a site of 61 acres, a deepwater berth for the tank steamers, and a length of 11,000ft. of low pier for the pipe line from steamers to tanks.

It is a noteworthy fact that neither death nor sickness has attacked the party. Everyone has enjoyed good health, and as the cruise is predominantly a health and pleasure one the tourists must so far feel satisfied with the results of their trip.

A MAMMOTH EXCURSION.

AMERICAN TOURISTS IN HONGKONG.

Americans are noted for doing big things, and to them belongs the credit for having organised one of the largest pleasure excursions yet chronicled. It is no small thing for a party of about 700 people to embark on a cruise round the world, but this has been done and is being done in a manner which is eloquent testimony to the ability of the organiser. Yesterday this large party reached Hongkong and completely Americanised our thoroughfares. The visitors were supposed to be marshalled in bodies for the purpose of being conducted over the city and shown its sights, and while this was to some extent true, it was noticeable that quite a large number preferred to "do" Hongkong independently. It was easy to note the visitors. The American type of face is distinctive, and gives both men and women an individuality even on the street. Of course their mannerisms and their dress also help to emphasise their nationality, while if nothing else proclaimed the tourist, the many cameras carried would indicate that their owners were only here for a short stay.

But the incursion of so many tourists at once was not the only record created in Hongkong yesterday. The steamer by which they arrived is without doubt the largest which has entered this port, and she was the cynosure of many eyes as she lay at the French mail buoy gay with bunting. Comments were made on her great height and her many decks, and it was agreed that travel on such a mammoth ship must have many delights.

The *s.s. Cleveland* is one of the latest additions to the fleet of the Hamburg-American Line. She is of 16,980 registered tonnage, and was built by Messrs. Blohm and Voss, of Hamburg. She was launched in December, 1908, made her trial trip on March 16th of this year, and her maiden trip across the Atlantic was begun on March 23rd. Her length is 600 feet, her beam 65 feet and her height from waterline to upper deck 55 feet. She is built of steel, and is provided with five decks, and a double bottom extending the entire length of the ship, divided into numerous watertight compartments. She is equipped with twin screws, and power is supplied by two sets of quadruple expansion engines, giving the vessel a speed of 15 knots. For the safety of the vessel and its passengers, all the latest appliances have been provided: an automatic hydraulic system for closing the watertight doors separating the eleven water compartments into which the hull is subdivided; automatic fire-extinguishers, inter-communicating telephones, submarine signal system, and wireless telegraphy. The passenger accommodation extends over 5 decks, namely, the main, saloon, awning, upper, and promenade. They are connected by a grand and smaller companion way, and an electric passenger elevator serves the five upper decks. The grand entrance hall and companion way have received special attention, and well furnished and decorated suites have been located on both the promenade and upper decks. Single and two-birth rooms, with bath and toilet rooms, have been furnished and equipped with the idea of making the traveller feel "at home." The *Cleveland* when making her usual runs between Hamburg and America, has accommodation for 3,300 passengers, 300 in the first class, 500 in the second-class, and 2,000 in the steerage. For the present tour, however, she has been adapted to carry only 700 passengers in the first and second-class cabins; but the passengers travel as one class only. The food is identically the same whether served in the first or second-class saloon, and the differences in the charges for the complete cruise depend only upon the position of the cabin occupied. The vessel carries a crew of 456 all told. The full complement have travelled with the boat. A popular attraction on the voyage out has been the two swimming pools provided on deck for passengers' use, while two more pools are also provided for the crew. The whole of the catering for the voyage has been undertaken by the Hamburg-American Co. By means of her installation of the Marconi wireless telegraphy system the *Cleveland* on her Atlantic voyages is in constant communication with land. The installation will take in messages from any distance up to 2,000 miles, but is only capable of despatching to a distance of 300 miles.

The cruise began at New York, whence the steamer proceeded to Madeira, and steamed from there to Gibraltar, Naples, Port Said, Cairo, Suez, Aden, Bombay, Colombo, and other Eastern ports were visited in turn, and after an agreeable visit to Manila they have reached Hongkong.

The *Cleveland* arrived in port about noon and moored at the Messengers' Marine, which is now being carried out by the Bombay Port Trust will not only double the docks accommodation at present available at Bombay, but that the general traffic of the city will be greatly facilitated by means of direct railway communication which is being established between the shipping berths and the Bombay termini. It is anticipated that the whole work will be completed in about two years' time. The general scheme includes a dock with an area of 492 acres and an entrance 100ft. wide. The depth on the sill will be 35ft. 6in. below mean high-water level, and about 3 miles of quayage will be provided. A new dry dock to be constructed in connection with this undertaking will be 1,000ft. long, 33ft. 6in. deep at high-water neap tides, and will have an entrance 100ft. wide. The Mazagon Docks will provide space for the grain, seeds, and cotton trades and for a new storeyard for the Great Indian Peninsula Railway. The total area which is being recovered is 622 acres, of which 554 acres are to be actually reclaimed from the sea. Another improvement is the moving of the bulk oil depot and the timber ponds to Sewri. This work is progressing rapidly, and will include a site of 61 acres, a deepwater berth for the tank steamers, and a length of 11,000ft. of low pier for the pipe line from steamers to tanks.

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EXCURSIONS TO CANTON.

Last night a large party left by the *Fafshan* for Canton, and this morning another numerous

company depart by a specially chartered steamer for the same place, the third party going by the *Heungshan* at 7.15 a.m.

This will be the largest party of foreigners that has ever visited the city of Canton. The Vicaroy, who has manifested considerable anxiety with regard to the invasion, has issued proclamations notifying the citizens of the coming multitude, ordering carrying coolies to make way for chairs, and asking shopkeepers to co-operate in keeping the streets clear. Special police have been requisitioned to patrol the streets. We understand that it is the intention of Mr. Farmer, who is in charge of the local arrangements, to split up the party into numerous small groups, and to send them in many different directions as possible. If the tourists keep to the arrangements made for them no trouble is likely to arise.

The visitors are due to leave Hongkong on Sunday next.

HOME AND CHINA AFFAIRS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, December 1.

THE ELECTION.

We are all ready for the fray. Lords are threatening to take to the platform in spite of all precedents, and Commons are getting ready with all their vocal thunderbolts. If the election contests produce anything like the funny things that have been seen in the Gilded Chamber during the week, we are in for queer sights. For there was my Lord Rosebery telling the Lords how awful the Budget really was, how ruinous to the country and how dangerous as a wasteful precedent—and then calmly announcing he would not vote against it. There was Lord Cromer doing likewise, and there was Lord Balfour of Burleigh following suit, though with a sting to his retirement in a story of a nigger who was complaining that there were only two roads in human life—one leading to death and the other to damnation. "In that case, braider," interrupted another nigger in the gathering, "it am time for dis nigger to take to de woods." That was the course Lord Balfour had mapped out for himself. Then came the Duke of Marlborough to describe Mr. Lloyd George as "a highwayman from Wales," and Lord Milner to say in answer to the warning "beware of the consequences," "Darn the consequences." When one thinks of this language at the earliest stage of the fight, even in the languid air of the Upper House itself, one may look for quite plain speaking before the storm and stress of the General Election are over. I ought to add another funny thing. There was a call for the men of London "to rise against the Lords." But for all the heroics of the Government, there does not seem to be any anxiety to face the electors, and it would appear that there will be no bye-election fight at Portsmouth and Uxbridge, although the candidates of both sides are ready and the campaign begun. It would not be a good moral influence, I suppose, if Lord Charles Beresford romped in for the dockyard town to pour hot shots into the ministerial ranks at close quarters. Which side will win? My advice is—with all respect to the law officers of Hongkong—put the possibilities in a hat and draw the sweepstakes. You will get as near the truth that way as by consulting any "expert" in this confusing conflict.

FRANCE AND INDO-CHINA.

Meanwhile French politicians and papers are concerned with matters much nearer to your shores. There is the return of M. Klobukowski, the Governor of Indo-China, to Paris, and most of the French journals comment on the event. The situation is criticised by nearly all, and the continued activity of De Thary and his Tonquines supporters is matter for gloomy discussion. Says the *Zappel*, for instance: "M. Klobukowski is returning to France, and we are among those who think that his continuance as Governor-General of Indo-China is impossible. In carrying out the regrettable Colonial policy of M. Doumer, M. Klobukowski has done his best. The present situation in Indo-China is a result of the administrative system invented in 1898, which failed to take into account either the political state of the colony, its economic condition, or the particular needs of the territorial elements which constitute it."

THE CHINESE NAVAL COMMISSION.

The Chinese Naval Commission now here on their international tour of inspection are being very well entertained, up and down the country, by those who hope to have a part in the building of the future Chinese Navy. Some of these astute gentlemen have practically dogged the steps of the Commission all the way from

Peking, and now in London they are trying with each other as tentatively as the visitors. There are German and American contract-seekers in competition with the native builders of ships in these islands—so the Chinese comprising the Commission are kept going pretty constantly.

AVIATION IN RUSSIA.

They have a way of their own in St. Petersburg when official wants become pressing. Take the case of aviation. There have been several airship meetings in Russia, according to a correspondent of mine in the Russian capital, but the Russian aviators who turned out to compete with the Frenchmen, who had been attracted by the prizes offered, did most other things except flying when it came to the test. That irritated the Prefect, General Dratschevsky, who issued an order to the effect that unless the next Russian aviator kept in the air for at least two minutes as a demonstration of his powers all the money taken at the gates would be confiscated. To emphasise

his remarks he placed gendarmes at the pay boxes to see that the order was carried out. This variation of the programme naturally infused extra interest to the proceedings by the bushel, and the Russian competitor was more than a little nervous when his machine was run out for the test. However, he managed to keep aloft for over seven minutes. To add to his discomfort there was most wintry weather at the time, and though he was swathed in worsted and cork padding, he complained that the numbing cold almost made him unconscious while in the air. He landed just as a blinding snow blizzard swept down on the racecourse where the meeting was being held; and the Governor went home with a grim smile on his face.

THE HONOUR OF TOMMY ATKINS.

Remarkable results have attended experiments with the honour of Tommy Atkins. Aldershot and Shoreham have put the theory to the test that if the British soldier is put on his honour not to play the giddy goat there will be no reason to send round piquets to bring in the drunk and disorderly. Aldershot tried it first and the authorities were pleased with the results. So Shoreham decided to follow suit, for the piquet system there failed to keep the men in full control. The experiment has now run for nine months and all piquets have been withdrawn from the district adjoining the camp. Formerly it was necessary to have small parties of men under weary corporals tramping up and down looking for soldiers guilty of drunkenness or other offences. Now an inspector of police has reported that since the withdrawal of the piquet system among the soldiers has been reduced 75 per cent, while drunkenness has practically vanished.

THE APPRENTICESHIP SYSTEM.

The ambition of the Lord Mayor to revive the good old days of apprenticeship is worth more than the attention most people are giving it, since our technical education in this country is so far inferior to that of Germany. There is a constant cry that articles made in recent years—furniture, for instance—is inferior to that made years ago. Surely, in addition to the greater rush and tear of the day, there is something to be set down to the decay of apprenticeship, whereby the youths of the City were taught their trades. The London County Council Education Committee also has a scheme to the same end, and the Hoxton and Islington District Council is creating six apprenticeships in its works department—three for gardening work in the recreation grounds and three for paving and drain-laying trades and works management. There are also to be twelve "pupilles" in each of the four departments of the Council, equally divided between the clerical, health and engineering departments. They will be paid a small progressive salary as they become familiar with the work. If these examples are taken up, as they promise to be, we shall be reverting to the old style with a vengeance, and in all probability the output will show improvement from the change.

THE DEATH OF THE DUCHESS OF MARLBOROUGH.

Consuelo, Duchess of Manchester, is really being missed. No part of the upper reaches of Society but is the poorer for the loss of her cheery spirit. They make no secret of their sorrow, even in that superficial crowd where emotions are but fleeting as a rule. The King is one of those who regret exceedingly the absence of this American woman, for he often dined at her house when in town. Among other things she was a musical performer of more than ordinary ability, and on one occasion when a well-known entertainer was commanded to Egypt House to entertain King Edward and the Queen no one was found able to accompany him in a song the Queen very much wanted to hear. The Duchess, having heard the song once, came forward as a volunteer accompanist, and though she played from memory she improvised so skillfully that the singer had to admit he had never been assisted as well in public. The way she met her husband was romantic. She was one of the first of the American heiresses to marry an English peer. She was eighteen at the time and was one of the most brilliant debutantes at a New York ball. Her wealth had come from Cuba, and when Lord Mandeville, as he then was, fell ill she nursed him back to life. He thereupon fell in love with her and married her. In the following year she was widowed, and despite of her high position and the social advantages she enjoyed she had many trials, and one chief among them was the loss of her two daughters.

CATHOLICISM IN ENGLAND.

I hear from Rome that the Pope has expressed his deep satisfaction with the growth of Catholicism in England. One evidence of it is in the increased number of students at present studying at the English College in Rome, whose number is far and away more than ever before in the history of the college. The majority of the students come from the Midlands.

THE DISTRESS IN LONDON.

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Hongkong, 24th December, 1909. [1

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E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 25th December, 1909. [1

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SATURDAY, 25th December.

MONDAY, 27th.

SATURDAY, 1st January.

MONDAY, 3rd.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1909. [1552]

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X'MAS & NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS:

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MONDAY, the 3rd.

By Order,

A. R. LOWE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1909. [1554]

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 22nd to the 29th December, both days inclusive.

By Order,

F. ELLIS,
General Manager.
Hongkong, 15th December, 1909. [1523]

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TO (FRIDAY),

the 24th December, 1909, commencing at 11 A.M.,

at the Hongkong and Kowloon Godown Co.'s Godown No. 18 (Kowloon).

124 BALES RAW SILK,

114 BALES WASTE SILK,

More or less damaged by water ex. a.s. "PRINZ

LUDWIG."

Terms:—Cash on delivery.

GEO. P. LAMMERT,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1909. [1547]

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction,

ON (TUESDAY),

the 28th December, 1909, at 10 A.M.,

H. M. NAVAL ESTABLISHMENTS,

SUNDAY, OLD AND SURPLUS

NAVAL & VICTUALLING STORES,

Comprising:

Old and Surplus Naval Stores—FIRE

ENGINE HOSES, LADY IRON and METAL

ELECTRIC CABLES, SWITCHES,

HYDRAULIC PUMP, COAL SACKS,

CANVAS BAGS, OLD INDIA-RUBBER,

OLD LEATHERS, CARPETS, MAT-

TINGS, OLD BOATS, FURNITURE, &c.

2. Any General Meeting declaring a Dividend wholly or in part by the distribution of specific assets and in particular of paid up shares Debentures or Debenture stock of the Company or of any other Company or in any one or more of such moneys and the General Manager shall give effect to such direction and where any difficulty arises in regard to the distribution they may settle in same as they think expedient and in particular may issue fractional Certificates and fix the value for distribution of such specific assets or any part thereof and may determine that cash payments shall be made to any members upon the footing of the value so fixed in order to adjust the rights of all parties and may vest any such specific assets in Trustees upon such trusts for the persons entitled to the Dividend as may seem expedient to the General Manager. Where requisite a proper contract shall be filed in accordance with Section 7 of the Companies Act, 1900, and the General Managers may appoint any person to sign such contract on behalf of the persons entitled to the Dividend and such appointment shall be effective.

Should the above Resolution be passed by the requisite majority it will be submitted for confirmation to a further Extraordinary General Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Dated the 21st day of December, 1909.

By Order,

SHEWAN, TOME & CO.,

General Managers.

PABST EXTRACT.

THE best TONIC for keeping-in perfect health in the Tropics.

It is a Liquid Food in predigested form containing all the bracing, soothng and toning effects of the choicest hops. Nearly Non-alcoholic. Highly recommended by the local medical profession in Cases of DEBILITY after MALARIA, from OVERWORK or other causes, ANEMIA, NERVOUSNESS or DYSEPSIA. Samples on Application.

Also JUST RECEIVED:—
PABST (American) BEER, in barrels or 120 bottles. In view of the Arrival of the American Fleet in a few days, please order early, as our stock is limited.

SIEMSEN & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1909. [1519]

TERMS.—Cash before Delivery, 25 per cent. of the Purchase Money to be paid in the fall of the Hammer. Balance and the clearance to be effected within 7 days after the date of sale.

Anchors and Chains to be sold with the Ship.

For further particulars apply to the Auctioneers.

A Steam Launch will leave Black Pier at 2.30 p.m. to convey intending purchasers.

Terms:—As Usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

Auction

NAPIER JOHNSTONES' "SQUARE BOTTLE" WHISKY.



UNARMED FOR
THE SAME TO-DAY AS IN 1745.
150 YEARS.
IMPROVEMENTS.



Superior to Emulsions or Cod Liver oil.
Each tiny Morrhoul capsule represents the medicinal value of a teaspoonful of oil.
Recommended in the Paris Academy of Medicine, for loss of appetite and flesh, to patients with consumptive tendencies.
Sold in bottles of 100 Capsules.
Sold by all Chemists.

DAVID GOES & SON'S MERCHANT NAVY NAVY BOILED LONG FLAX BELLIANCE CROWN TARPAULIN ARNOLD, KARBERG & CO Sole Agents.

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SOLE AGENTS IN HONGKONG:

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and from ALL WINE MERCHANTS. [52]

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.
CHIASHING, British str., 23rd Dec.—Canton.
CLEVELAND, German str., 10,267. Dempwolf,
23rd Dec.—New York 16th October—
Hamburg-American Line.
DELHI, British str., 4,567. G. W. Gordon, 23rd
Dec.—London and Singapore 18th Dec.,
Mall and General—P. & O. S. N. Co.
HALDIS, Norwegian str., 1,065. G. Sollers, 23rd
Dec.—Bangkok 12th and Swaytow 22nd
Dec.—Rice and General—Chinese.
KANCHOW, British str., 23rd Dec.—Canton.
KINGSHAW, British str., 1,223. Wright, 23rd
Dec.—Tientsin and Chefoo 16th Dec.,
General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
KUANGHIAO, British str., 23rd Dec.—Canton.
MEIFOO, Chinese str., 2,656. L. Cuthill, 23rd Dec.—
Bury 9th Oct. and Durban 15th Nov.,
Coal Gilman.
TAMBA MARU Japanese str., 3,302. C. H.
Butler, 23rd Dec.—Europe 21st November,
General—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

CLEARANCES.
AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE
23rd December.

Borneo, German str., for Sandakan.
C. Diederichsen, British str., for Hollow.
Han Sung, Korean str., for Weihaiwei.
Johanne, German str., for Haiphong.
Kumano Maru, Japanese str., for Sydney.
Pactung, British str., for Shanghai.
Provint, Norwegian str., for Canton.
Tingting, British str., for Canton.

DEPARTURES.
23rd December.
AYMEEC, British str., for Seattle.
CHINHUA, British str., for Canton.
CHOSHUN MARU, Jap. str., for Shanghai.
DAGNY, Norwegian str., for Quang Yuen.
HAIYANG, British str., for Swaytow.
HENRIK ISEN, Norwegian str., for Moji.
HERCULES, Norwegian str., for Moji.
KAIPOONG, British str., for Cobh.
KWANGTSE, Chinese str., for Canton.
LINAN, British str., for Shanghai.
MICHAEL JENSEN, German str., for Canton.

SHIPPING REPORTS.
The British str. *Kingring* reports: Light
wind and fine weather to Shantung Island,
thence to port strong N.E. wind and fine
weather.

VESSELS IN DOCK.
December 23rd.
KOWLOON DOCK—H.M.F.M.S. *Rainha*
Amelia, Hilary, Rio Lame, Nansunay.

TAIKO DOCK—Wuhu, Frithjof.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
CALCUTTA.

Taking cargo on through Bills of Lading to
Rangoon, Madras and Mauritius.

THE Steamship

"CATHERINE APCAR,"
Captain G. F. Hudson, will be despatched
for the above Ports TO-DAY, the 24th inst.,
at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DAVID SASOON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 23rd December, 1909. [1533]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS, LTD.
FOR LONDON AND ANTWERP.

THE Steamship

"DENBIGHSHIRE,"
Captain W. Barrett, will be despatched as
above on or about 26th December.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 30th November, 1909. [1463]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR
FIUME AND TRIESTE (DIRECT),
Calling at SINGAPORE, PENANG,
COLOMBO, BOMBAY, KARACHI,
ADEN, SUEZ and PORT SAID.
(Taking cargo at through rates to the BRAZILS,
to SOUTH AFRICA, FREESIAN GULF, RED
SEA, BLACK SEA, VENICE, LEVANT,
and ADELANTIC PORTS).
THE Company's Steamship

"E. FRANZ FERDINAND,"
Captain E. Nitsoie, will be despatched as above
on TUESDAY, the 28th inst., P.M.
This Steamer has splendid accommodation for
passengers, electric lights, and carries a doctor.
For information as to Passage and Freight,
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SANDER, WIELER & Co.,
Agents,
Princes Building.
Hongkong, 15th December, 1909. [5]

THE "SHIRE" LINE OF
STEAMERS, LIMITED.

PASSENGER SERVICE TO
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THE STEAMERS

"PEMBROKESHIRE"
(late "SEGURA")
AND
"CARMARTHENSHIRE,"
Offering Superior Accommodation for
First Class Passengers, will be despatched from HONGKONG as above
about END OF JANUARY, and BEGIN-
NING OF MARCH, respectively.
"N.B." "Penbrokeshire" calls at
Marseilles.

FARE TO LONDON ... £35.

A Stewardess and fully qualified
Doctor are carried.

For further particulars, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON
& CO., LTD.,
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1909. [1461]

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

To ascertain the anchorage of any Vessel, the Harbour has been divided into Four Sections commencing from Green Island. Vessels anchoring nearest Kowloon are marked "k," nearest Hongkong "h," midway between Hongkong and Kowloon "m," and those vessels berthed at the Kowloon Wharf "l," together with his number denoting the section.

SECTIONS.

1. From Green Island to the Harbour Master's. 2. From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier. 3. From Blake Pier to Naval Yard. 4. From Naval Yard to East Point.

DESTINATION.	VESSEL'S NAMES.	FLAG & RIG.	BERTH.	CAPTAIN.	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED.
LONDON, &c., VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL	DELTA	Brit. str.	—	B. W. H. Snow	P. & O. S. N. Co.	To-morrow, at Noon.
LONDON & ANTWERP	DERBIGHSHIRE	Brit. str.	—	W. Barrett	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	About 26th Inst.
LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	PALAWAN	Brit. str.	—	C. R. Longdon, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 29th Inst.
LONDON, ROTTERDAM & AMSTERDAM	CARDIGANSHIRE	Brit. str.	—	W. O. Tyers	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	About 19th Jan.
ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG & ANTWERP, &c.	BRISGAVIA	Ger. str.	—	Schwinghammer	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 5th Jan.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRASBURG, &c.	SENEGAMBIA	Ger. str.	—	Eckhorn	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 6th Jan.
COPENHAGEN & BALTIK PORTS	SCANDIA	Ger. str.	—	v. Dohren	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 13th Jan.
MARSEILLES, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	INDIA	Swed. str.	—	Broo	MELCHERS & CO.	Middle of Feb.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	POLYNESIEN	Frestr.	—	Selmer	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 4th Jan., at 1 P.M.
MARSEILLES, BREMEN & HAMBURG	TANGO MARU	Jap. str.	k. w.	NIPON YUSEN KAISHA	NIPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 5th Jan., at D'light
MARSEILLES, HAVRE, COPENHAGEN, &c.	SUEVIA	Ger. str.	—	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 29th Inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	CANTON	Dan. str.	—	MELCHERS & CO.	MELCHERS & CO.	About 5th Jan.
MARSHALL ISLANDS, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG	KANO MARU	Jap. str.	k. w.	NIPON YUSEN KAISHA	NIPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 19th Jan., at D'light
MARSHALL ISLANDS, LONDON & ANTWERP	SITHONIA	Ger. str.	—	Brehmer	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 20th Jan.
MARSHALL ISLANDS, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG, &c.	PEMBROKESHIRE	Brit. str.	—	R. Hayes	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	About 25th Jan.
MARSHALL ISLANDS, LONDON & ANTWERP	AKI MARU	Jap. str.	—	K. Sato	NIPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 2nd Feb., at D'light
NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIERS, GIBRALTAR, &c.	GOEBEN	Ger. str.	—	B. Wilhelm	MELCHERS & CO.	On 29th Inst., at Noon.
TRIESTE, &c., VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	E. F. FERDINAND	Aus. str.	—	E. Nitsoie	SANDER, WIELER & CO.	On 28th Inst., at P.M.
MARSHALL ISLANDS, LONDON & ANTWERP	BEATMAR	Brit. str.	—	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	On 28th Inst.
MARSHALL ISLANDS, HAVRE, COPENHAGEN, &c.	WEAT CASTLE	Brit. str.	k. w.	Karberg	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 4th Jan.
MARSHALL ISLANDS, HAVRE, COPENHAGEN, &c.	VANDALIA	Ger. str.	—	J. Boyd	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 1st Jan., at 7 A.M.
MARSHALL ISLANDS, LONDON & ANTWERP	EMPERESS OF JAPAN	Brit. str.	—	P. J. van Emmerick	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 13th Jan.
MARSHALL ISLANDS, LONDON & ANTWERP	SUVERIC	Brit. str.	1 m.	F. Mooney	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	On 15th Feb., at Noon.
MARSHALL ISLANDS, LONDON & ANTWERP	MONTEAGLE	Brit. str.	—	C. J. Benton, R.N.R.	NIPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 8th Jan.
MARSHALL ISLANDS, LONDON & ANTWERP	INDIA	Jap. str.	—	M. W. Almon	NIPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 21st Jan., at Noon.
MARSHALL ISLANDS, LONDON & ANTWERP	NIKKO MARU	Jap. str.	—	G. W. Gordon, R.N.R.	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 3rd Jan., at 3 P.M.
MARSHALL ISLANDS, LONDON & ANTWERP	SEATTLE MARU	Jap. str.	—	P. & O. S. N. Co.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 28th Inst.
MARSHALL ISLANDS, LONDON & ANTWERP	KITO MARU	Jap. str.	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	To-day, at Noon.
MARSHALL ISLANDS, LONDON & ANTWERP	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	D. Lee	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	On 26th Feb., at D'light
MARSHALL ISLANDS, LONDON & ANTWERP	PRINZ SIGISMUND	Ger. str.	—	G. W. Ely	NIPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 31st Inst., at D'light
MARSHALL ISLANDS, LONDON & ANTWERP	CHANGSHA	Brit. str.	—	T. Sekino	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	On 8th Jan., at 4 P.M.
MARSHALL ISLANDS, LONDON & ANTWERP	YATOWA MARU	Jap. str.	—	H. Raegener	NIPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 21st Jan., at Noon.
MARSHALL ISLANDS, LONDON & ANTWERP	AKI MARU	Jap. str.	—	C. H. Butler	MELCHERS & CO.	To-day, at 4 P.M.
MARSHALL ISLANDS, LONDON & ANTWERP	COBLENZ	Brit. str.	—	W. Thompson	NIPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 14th Jan., at Noon.
MARSHALL ISLANDS, LONDON & ANTWERP	TAMBA MARU	Jap. str.	—	M. Yagi	NIPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 19th Jan., at Noon.
MARSHALL ISLANDS, LONDON & ANTWERP	ATUSTA MARU	Jap. str.	—	P. J. van Emmerick	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINIE	On 19th Jan., at Noon.
MARSHALL ISLANDS, LONDON & ANTWERP	NIKKO MARU	Jap. str.	—	F. Mooney	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	Quick despatch.
MARSHALL ISLANDS, LONDON & ANTWERP	TJILATJAP	Dut. str.	—	C. J. Benton, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 1st Jan.
MARSHALL ISLANDS, LONDON & ANTWERP	CHIASHING	Brit. str.	—	M. W. Almon	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 3rd Jan., at 3 P.M.
MARSHALL ISLANDS, LONDON & ANTWERP	SUMATRA	Dan. str.	—	G. W. Gordon, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 28th Inst.
MARSHALL ISLANDS, LONDON & ANTWERP	NEBA	Brit. str.	—	J. Boyd	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	To-day, at Noon.
MARSHALL ISLANDS, LONDON & ANTWERP	DELHI	Brit. str.	—	Wright	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	On 28th Inst., at Noon.
MARSHALL ISLANDS, LONDON & ANTWERP	KUTANG	Brit. str.	—	Lee	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	On 28th Inst., at Noon.
MARSHALL ISLANDS, LONDON & ANTWERP	LIENSHING	Brit. str.	—	G. Meiners	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	On 28th Inst., at Noon.
MARSHALL ISLANDS, LONDON & ANTWERP	KINSHUA	Brit. str.	—	F. Wheeler	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	On 28th Inst., at D'light
MARSHALL ISLANDS, LONDON & ANTWERP	KINGSHUA	Brit. str.	—	R. Smith	NIPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 29th Inst., at 4 P.M.
MARSHALL ISLANDS, LONDON & ANTWERP	TINGSANG	Brit. str.	—	Schwinghammer	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 15th Jan.
MARSHALL ISLANDS, LONDON & ANTWERP	DEERFLINGER	Brit. str.	—	Eduard	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 17th Jan.
MARSHALL ISLANDS, LONDON & ANTWERP	OBENAN	Brit. str.	—	Jurriaans	Java-China-Japan Linie	Quick despatch.
MARSHALL ISLANDS, LONDON & ANTWERP	AMFOI	Brit. str.	—	Robertson	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	To-morrow, at Daylight
MARSHALL ISLANDS, LONDON & ANTWERP	KWONGSANG	Brit. str.	—	S. Atsumi	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	About 26th Inst.
MARSHALL ISLANDS, LONDON & ANTWERP	TOTOMI MARU	Jap. str.	—	Y. Kubasaki	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 26th Inst., at 10 A.M.
MARSHALL ISLANDS, LONDON & ANTWERP	DAIJIN MARU	Jap. str.	2 h.	Evans	Douglas Lafrak & Co.	On 26th Inst., at 10 A.M.
MARSHALL ISLANDS, LONDON & ANTWERP	SWATOW	Brit. str.	2 h.	W. C. Passmore	Douglas Lafrak & Co.	On 26th Inst., at 10 A.M.
MARSHALL ISLANDS, LONDON & ANTWERP	HATCHING	Brit. str.	—	R. W. Almon	SEKWAN, TOME & CO.	To-day, at 3 P.M.
MARSHALL ISLANDS, LONDON & ANTWERP	RUHL	Brit. str.	—	P. H. Ely	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	On 28th Inst., at 3 P.M.
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